IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

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For: MEANS FOR REGULATING THE EXPRESSION OF HUMAN ISOFORMS OF ANT

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October 6, 2008

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR COMPLETE OFFICE ACTION WITH DATE RE-SET FOR RESPONSE FROM MAILING OF NEW COMPLETE ACTION

The Office Action dated August 28, 2008 has been received.

A new Office Action in place of the Office Action dated August 28, 2008 is requested with the date for responding being re-set from the mail date of the new Action.

The Office Action of August 28, 2008 is submitted to be incomplete and a new Action is requested because the Office Action does not include a consideration of claims 7-9 on the merits. The Examiner states that claims 7-9 have not been considered on the merits as the claims are alleged to be improperly multiply dependent.

See page 5 of the Office Action dated August 28, 2008.

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Claim 7 however is dependent on independent claim 1. Claim 8 is dependent on

claim 7 and claim 9 is dependent on claim 1. See "Claims" indexed at November 10,

2005 in the PTO IFW which includes the claims filed November 10, 2005 as a part of

the applicants Supplemental Amendment.

The applicants note, for completeness, that the Fee Worksheet (PTO-06)

indexed in the PTO IFW on November 10, 2005 appears to confirm that 9 total effective

claims, 1 independent claim and no multiple dependent claims exist in the application.

A new Office Action is requested which re-sets the due date for responding from

the mail date of the new Action and which includes a consideration of claims 7-9 on the

merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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